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Hearing JFK Briefings

News Team on the 'Inside'

By Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A three-man Enquirer and News team is in Washington to get the Kennedy administration's "inside story" on stormy international developments.

President Kennedy and his top foreign policy experts are holding two days of confidential briefings for a selected group of U.S. editors and correspondents.

Representing the Enquirer and News are Hobart A. Chapman, managing editor; Hugh Humphrey, chief editorial writer; and Robert Branson, Washington Bureau chief.

Cuba, Laos and other world danger spots were to be discussed candidly on an off-the-record basis by 16 key figures in government. Radio and television equipment was forbidden.

Some 500 American newspapermen were in town for the extraordinary series of briefings opening today.

Seldom if ever has Washington seen such a high-powered press conference. Besides President Kennedy, those taking part include Central Intelligence Agency chief Allen W. Dulles; United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson; and Undersecretary of State Chester Bowles.

Others listed to appear: Space Administrator James Webb; Latin American specialist Adolf A. Berle; G. Menner Williams, assistant secretary of state for Africa; Charles E. Bohlen, Soviet affairs specialist; Robert McNamara, secretary of defense; and Edward R. Murrow, U.S. Information Agency director.

Also, Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Roger Jones, deputy secretary of state for administration; George W. Ball, deputy secretary for economic affairs; Foy Kohler, deputy secretary for European affairs; John M. Steeves, deputy secretary for Asian affairs; and Roger Tubby, State Department public affairs secretary.

Candor Promised
The speakers promised to discuss sensitive subjects with

a candor which would not be possible if they were speaking on the record."

Newsmen have agreed not to publish "sensitive" details in ways that might embarrass this government abroad, though disclosures may be printed if the speaker's name and organization are omitted.

This newspaper hopes to hit some of the high spots in stories and editorials later this week. The briefings end late Tuesday.